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Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith for filing in the above-identified patent application are the following documents:

1. Information Disclosure Statement (2 pages);
2. Copy of the International Search Report from Patent Cooperation Treaty Application
Number PCT/US03/12695;
3. Copy of the International Search Report from Patent Cooperation Treaty Application
Number PCT/US02/33191;
3. Form PTO-1449 (2 page);
4. References as Cited (33);
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No fees are believed to be due in connection with this submission. However, please charge any fees that might be due or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 08-0219.

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WITH STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1)**

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Applicant and their legal representatives hereby make of record on the attached PTO Form-1449 the following publications, which are known to them and considered warranting disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56. Copies of each of these publications are enclosed.

Applicant states under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(1) that the publications US 5,015,197, US 4,940,426, US 3,639,978 and EP 0512714A were cited in an International Search Report issued in connection with counterpart Patent Cooperation Treaty Application No. PCT/US03/12695, and that publications US 5,015,197, US 4,940,426, and US 3,639,978 were also cited in an International Search Report issued in connection with a counterpart Patent Cooperation Treaty Application No. PCT/US02/33191, not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement. A copy of the International Search Reports are also enclosed for the Examiner's review. Copies of the documents cited in the International Search Report are enclosed.

It is respectfully requested that the information above be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application and that the publications be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom. In this regard, it is requested that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 with the next Patent Office Communication.

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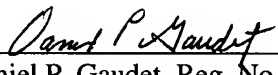
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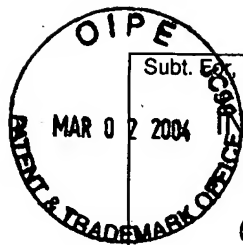
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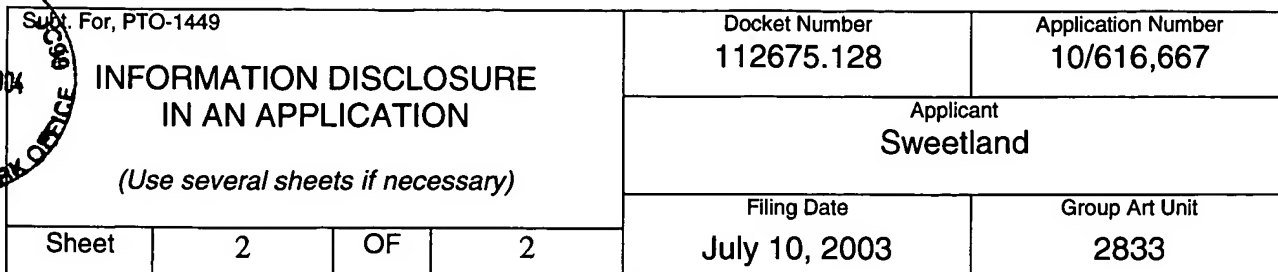
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